



April Events



Jump to Japan: Discovering Culture through Popular Art at CMOM Through May 8

Sponsored by  **TIME WARNER CABLE**

This exhibit introduces visitors to Japanese culture through hands-on activities based on the art forms of animation, manga (comics), woodblock prints and traditional scrolls. Kids hop on the magical "Cat Bus" from the film "My Neighbor Totoro." Visitors become a shopkeeper or customer in a modern manga store and create their own manga drawings and animation. Children take off their shoes and step into a traditional tatami (woven floor covered) room for a tea party, try on kimono, yukata or happi (traditional Japanese clothing), and play the ancient card game karuta. In Fantastic Animation, kids explore feature film animation. Visitors discover manga (Japanese comics) and anime (Japanese animation) in Manga Mania. Children explore Artful Traditions and learn about woodblock printing and scrolls. The exhibit is presented in English and Spanish.

Presented by The Freeman Foundation Asian Exhibit Initiative and administered by the Association of Children's Museums. Developed by the Minnesota Children's Museum and The Children's Museum, Seattle, in partnership with Studio Ghibli and the Ghibli Museum, Mitaka, Japan. "My Neighbor Totoro" used with permission of Ghibli Studios. © 1986 Nibariki



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Spark Your Imagination & Light Up Your Mind with Our Special Programs!

Andy Ambulance: This miniature robotic ambulance communicates about first aid, emergency medicine and public safety, with a special emphasis on when and how to call 9-1-1. Thursdays at 3 pm for all ages. *Sponsored by Rural/Metro Ambulance.*

Art Busy: Make special art projects in The Studio. Wednesdays at 3:30 pm for ages 4+. *Sponsored by Target.*

Baby Bug: Engage in activities that foster curiosity and sensory experience. First Wednesday of each month at 10 am for ages 12-24 months. Reservations required: call 901-458-2678. \$6 members and \$8 non-members. *Sponsored*

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by R. Fike.

Hello Stuffed: Learn about the digestive, respiratory and circulatory systems from a seven-foot-tall rag doll that unzips to reveal what's inside the body. Tuesdays at 3 pm for all ages. *Sponsored by Rande H. Lazar, MD & Otolaryngology Consultants of Memphis.*

Hot Shot: Learn about the importance of immunization from this puppet that raps and sings about childhood vaccinations. Saturdays at 3 pm for all ages. *Sponsored by LeBonheur Children's Medical Center.*

Kid Karaoke: Sing your favorite tunes on a real stage in the Rising Stars Theatre. Fridays at 3:30 pm for all ages.

Konnichiwa Art: We are presenting Konnichiwa Art in April only. Visit *Art Smart* to make special projects. Days and times vary for all ages.

Lab Brats: Enjoy hands-on explorations, investigate scientific inscrutabilities and probe fascinating problems with our "Lab Rat." Second Saturday of each month at 2 pm for ages 6-9. Reservations required: call 901-458-2678. \$3 members and \$4 non-members.

Search Party: Look for letters, shapes or colors in this seek and find game - and get a prize. Thursdays at 3:30 pm and Sundays at 1:30 pm for all ages.

Tales & Tunes: Listen to a story, sing songs and make a craft. Fridays at 2 pm for all ages.

Toddlers Together: Participate in fun learning activities, crafts and songs. First Thursday of each month at 10 am for ages 2-3 years. Reservations required; call 901-458-2678. \$6 members and \$8 non-members.

Membership is a Unique Gift & a Good Buy!

Wondering what to give on that special occasion? There's no better gift than a membership to The Children's Museum! Includes unlimited admission to all museum exhibits, admission to more than 250 other science-technology centers, a subscription to the *Sparks* newsletter, invitations to "members-only" preview parties, and discounts on programs, birthday parties, special events and in the Museum Shop. Gift memberships are perfect for any occasion - starting now at \$50. Call membership at 901-320-3171.



Performances, Programs & Demos

Saturday, April 2

The Sunshine Generation of Bartlett at 2 pm

Saturday, April 9

Drawing Manga Characters Workshop at 11 am; \$3 members & \$4 non-members; reservations required - call 901-458-2678

Saturday, April 16

Wear Your Pajamas to CMOM Pajama Story Time at 11 am

Saturday, April 16

Ballet on Wheels Theatre of Dance at 2 pm

Saturday, April 23

Kamishibai: Traditional Japanese Story Time at 2:30 pm

Saturday, April 30

Memphis Humane Society Visits at 2 pm

We Have the Perfect Place!



For parties, receptions, expos or company seminars... Host your next event at The Children's Museum. Our Assembly Hall comfortably accommodates up to 200 people. A restaurant-style kitchen, plenty of free parking and a stage top off the list of amenities. Call Cliff Drake at 901-458-2678, ext. 229, for details.



For birthday parties... Have your child's next birthday party at The Children's Museum. Each party starts with one hour in our decorated party room. Your guests then spend 1 ½ hours in the museum. Various packages and theme parties are available. Call Keosha Williams 901-458-2678 to make your reservations.



For volunteer opportunities... We are always looking for fun-loving, energetic individuals with great imaginations who love helping children! Flexible schedules and a variety of positions, including assistance with clerical tasks, are available. Call Brad Laney at 901-458-2678, ext. 243, for details.

A private, non-profit organization, The Children's Museum of Memphis creates memorable learning experiences through the joy of play in hands-on exhibits and programs. Core values: the intersection of play and hands-on learning; a positive impact on the community; a positive family experience; a complement to classroom education; inclusiveness; excellent customer service; nurturing appropriate partnerships in the community; and following the best practices of the children's museum field. Located at 2525 Central Avenue, the museum is open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am-5 pm, and Sunday, 12-5 pm. Admission is \$6 for children (1-12) and seniors (62+), \$7 for adults and free for museum members. For more information, call 901-458-2678 or the information line at 901-320-3170. The museum's web site at www.cmom.com has a coupon and current information.

REMEMBER!

Our Museum Gift Shop offers unique gifts and a great selection of merchandise!

